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## DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR CONGRESS,  
HENRY D. ALLEN,  
OF UNION COUNTY.

Watson's invasion of Spain has so far expended itself in words, empty words. A little more ginger, please.

Edward Marshall, the wounded correspondent of the New York Journal, has reached Charleston, enroute home.

Dewey continues to act wisely in keeping the cable cut and in not consulting Washington until after he has done it.

The New York Herald's report that the Spanish soldiers had "escaped" from Santiago turned out to be a pure fake.

John Rhea has no opposition for Congress and the decision of Bill Jones not to run probably means that John will be given a walk-over.

The publication of the decree proclaiming martial law in Spain is taken to mean that the Queen Regent is about ready to sue for peace.

The inhabitants of San Juan, Porto Rico, are fleeing into the interior of the island, in anticipation of an early attack from the Americans.

Gen. Miles has gone back on board the Concha and says he may not return to Siboney. He will hold himself in readiness to go to Porto Rico.

The proposition to give the Spanish soldiers a free excursion, personally conducted, with meals en route, was too much for the Dons at Santiago.

Private James Johnston, of Company D, Second Kentucky regiment, died at Chickamauga Thursday night of typhoid fever. This was the first death in the ranks of the Second regiment.

The bank of Murray has started the ball in Western Kentucky by supplying its depositors with stamped checks. It is estimated that the stamps on bank checks in Hopkinsville cost \$8 to \$10 a day.

Bowling Green is now busy sending out reports that small-pox is raging in Clay county. It will be remembered that the same kind of a report was recently sent out about Hopkinsville, when there was no foundation for it. The medical reports from Bowling Green are not always to be believed.

Capt. Gen. Blanco is said to be more firmly set against peace than ever. In an interview yesterday he declared that if he could prevent it there would be no peace between Spain and the United States on the basis of Cuba passing from Spanish control.

Elizabeth Lynn Linton, the English novelist, is dead. Among her publications are, in addition to her innumerable essays and short stories not collected, "The World Well Lost," "The One Too Many," "In Haste and at Leisure," "The Girl of the Period," "Grasp Your Nettle," "Sowing the Wind," "Through the Long Night," and "Under Which Lord."

The administration has awakened to the danger that Spain may cry for peace before we have taken a single step that will justify us in claiming a title to Porto Rico. So far we have done absolutely nothing that gives us a military or naval possession of that island. Not an American soldier has landed on the island and the flag has never floated over the fertile soil of that Spanish possession upon which the eyes of American people are looking with covetous glances. Action looking to the establishment of a preliminary title is being rushed and the island will be occupied by this time next week.

## ACROSS CONTINENT.

Entertaining Letter by a Hopkinsville Tourist.

The Country and Its Scenery, Cities and Resources Graphically Described.

San Francisco, Cal., July 11, 1898.

EDITOR KENTUCKIAN:—

Some days ago, in company with a young friend, I left Hopkinsville for a trip across the continent towards the setting sun. The recent rains had enabled the farmers in the contiguous countries intervening between the Ohio River to have a good setting of tobacco, and corn was looking exceptionally well in the Ohio bottoms, where immense fields are always planted. I noticed an improvement as soon as I had crossed the river, which I think it will be well for our Kentucky farmers to imitate. Have a stock law, requiring all stock to be kept inclosed, and all other tillable land can thus be left unfenced. In the Middle Western States, immense expanses of territory are thus seen unenclosed, thus presenting a beautiful appearance to the country, as well as a convenient and economical mode of farming.

We went over the L. & N. as far as St. Louis, then via the well-known Burlington route to Denver; our stop at St. Louis was brief. The immense bridge there spanning the Mississippi River and the magnificent Union Depot, were the only points of interest we noted. Having passed through the greater portion of the state of Missouri during the night, the next morning found us approaching the Western border and nearing Kansas City, situated on the Missouri River, and having a population of 135,000, a shining example of that splendid pluck, energy and enterprise which is building and shaping the vast empire of the West. We also passed through Hannibal and St. Joseph, both beautiful cities contiguous to fine agricultural country. Through Kansas and Nebraska the farms were in a high state of cultivation, harvesting was just beginning, being about 10 days later than ours. The farms were beautifully laid off in square sections, but the houses were small, square built structures, and lacking in that grace and elegance of our Kentucky farm houses. Their stables and other out houses seemed more elaborate and tastily built than their residences.

Through these states there were immense expanses of prairie land and scarcely any timber; even the farm houses were devoid of shade. We passed through Leavenworth and Atchison, Kansas, and Lincoln and Hastings, Nebraska.

My little friend was disconcerted by observing on our time card, that we reached McCook, a small station on the Border, at 9 p. m., and left there at 8 p. m. She remarked: "Why, we will be left, our train don't get there till 9 and the train leaves there at 8." But she was reassured when informed that at that point we changed our time from Central to Mountain. So as the train was approaching the station the conductor informed us that it was 9 p. m. and without stopping there he told us as we emerged from the town that it was 8 p. m. There is one point in mid-ocean where the time is changed an entire day. On the following morning we found ourselves in the bleak plains of Colorado and we amused ourselves watching the immense jack rabbits and innumerable prairie dogs, the latter standing on their hind legs and peering at our train as we sped swiftly by. They live in colonies and at some of the stations their numerous little knolls, thrown up by their burrowing, extended to the depot itself and the passengers would amuse themselves by getting out and trying to pelt the little animals, but they are noted for their cunning and were

always on the alert.

These prairies for miles as we approached Denver, seemed little more than a barren waste, interspersed occasionally with a fertile spot. Flowers grow luxuriantly here and also alfalfa grass in portions, on which were feeding herds of cattle and horses. As we reach Denver the country becomes more hilly and broken. Denver itself is a beautiful city of 125,000 population, situated on a level plateau. Forty years ago it was only a rude mining camp. Here in our short stay we met Mrs. Graham and daughter and Mrs. Bell and son. They were pleased with the climate and city.

After leaving there over the Denver & Rio Grande R. R., the great Scenic line of the West, we saw in the distance, though apparently but a few miles off, the snow-capped point of Pike's Peak. The atmosphere is so pure here that distances are very deceptive. We traveled on for 75 miles in the direction of the Peak until we reached Colorado Springs, when it seemed only a few miles off when first sighted. Maj. Pike, who first discovered the Peak, describes it thus: "We saw a light blue cloud, which we concluded to be a mountain. We marched during the entire day with an idea of arriving at the mountain, but at night found no visible difference in its appearance." He then traveled ten days before arriving at its base, and he then attempted to ascend but found he had only ascended Cheyenne mountain, a small adjacent one and he became discouraged and wrote: "The summit of the grand Peak, which was entirely bare of vegetation and covered with snow, now appeared at the distance of 15 miles, and as high again as what we ascended, and would have taken a whole day's march to have arrived at its base, whence I believe no human being could have ascended to its pinnacle."

But thanks to our age of progress, on alighting from the train at Colorado Springs, I was informed that after a brief rest, I could ascend that afternoon, by taking a street car and passing through Colorado City, formerly the capital of the State, and through Manitou, (in fame almost equal to Colorado Springs as a health resort). These towns are all contiguous and connected by street railway. We reached the foot of Pike's Peak, and getting on the cog-wheel railroad ascended a distance of nine miles to the summit, being far above timber line and the mountain was covered with snow. The rarified air caused many to become dizzy and short of breath, and not a few were troubled with nose bleeding. At that altitude 14,150 feet, the heart beats much faster and exercise has to be taken with caution. Some of the young tourists indulged mildly in snow-balling. The snow in some parts was knee deep. It is never absent from the pinnacle of the Peak. At that time it was unusually warm in Manitou and Colorado Springs just nine and thirteen miles below respectively, where vegetables, flowers and fruit were growing luxuriantly. Colorado Springs is a beautiful city of 20,000, with numerous parks and well laid off streets. It is the most noted of Western health resorts. Here we met Mrs. McCarthy nee Miss Nannie Barbour, and at Cripple Creek, a few miles distance, lives Mr. Thos. B. Burbridge and family. Leaving Colorado Springs we traveled for 48 hours in sight of snow capped mountains, whose majestic proportions one's eyes tire of beholding. The monotony is only broken by an occasional mountain village or mine prospect. We traveled one entire day and night just after the naval engagement off Santiago, before we could secure a daily paper, as none were published enroute. Through Utah we passed some beautiful valleys under a high state of cultivation.

Salt Lake City or Zion as it is called by the Mormon faithful, has a population of 65,000, is noted for its wide streets 132 feet, with twenty feet of sidewalk. Here the traveler is shown through the Mormon Tabernacle, one of the finest in the world, noted for its acoustic properties, as one can sit in the gallery 250 feet distant and hear the faintest whisper or a pin fall. The Temple is also a magnificent structure adjoining, made of white granite and costing \$10,000,000. In this only the Faithful are allowed to enter. It was 40

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